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Overall orientation

6.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to promote a better understanding by Member States of and respect for the principles and norms of international law in order to support the accomplishment of the objectives of the United Nations.

6.2 The mandate for the programme derives from the principal decision-making organs of the Organization in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

6.3 Within the Secretariat, substantive responsibility for the programme is vested in the Office of Legal Affairs. It provides a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and other organs of the United Nations, supports the development of international justice, contributes to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law, strengthening and developing the international legal order for the seas and oceans, registers and publishes treaties and performs the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

6.4 The Office will provide services and legal advice, upon request, to the decision-making organs of the United Nations and its Member States. It will aim to strengthen respect within the United Nations system for the rule of law, in particular, observance of the Charter and the resolutions, decisions, regulations, rules and treaties emanating from the Organization. Achievement of gender equality will also be addressed in the advice provided by the Office and in its activities, as appropriate.

Subprogramme 1
Provision of legal services to the United Nations as a whole

Objective of the Organization: to assist the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in enhancing respect for the rule of law and supporting the development of international justice

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
Provision of qualitative and timely legal advice, thus facilitating the functioning of the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in accordance with international law, including the United Nations legal regime, and supporting international justice mechanisms, as mandated	(a) Satisfaction with the clarity and accuracy of the advice provided by the Office of Legal Affairs (b) Legal instruments are finalized in respect of the activities of the United Nations

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6.5 The subprogramme is implemented by the Office of the Legal Counsel. The Office will assist the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations through the qualitative and timely provision of legal advice at their request, the preparation of reports and analyses, and its participation in meetings. This covers questions relating to international peace and security and includes advice on the interpretation of the Charter, resolutions, rules and regulations of the United Nations, treaties, and questions involving the use of force, sanctions, investigations, commissions of

inquiry, expert groups, privileges and immunities, relations with host countries and third-party liability. Legal advice will be provided on questions related to public international law, including legal disputes, human rights, humanitarian law and international criminal law, including formulation of statements of a legal nature for the Secretary-General. Legal advice will also be provided to treaty bodies institutionally linked to the United Nations, at their request. Advice will be provided on constitutional, credentials and membership issues, as well as on the interpretation and application of the rules of procedure of principal and subsidiary organs. The Office will also assist the Secretary-General in complying with his statutory responsibilities with regard to the International Court of Justice. As required, the Office will represent the Secretary-General at meetings and conferences. Through continued ongoing contacts with legal offices throughout the United Nations system, the Office will seek to ensure that legal advice within the system is provided in a coordinated manner. It will work closely with the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations to ensure that the advice is clear, accurate and effective, and will engage in necessary follow-up to support the implementation of any resulting policy decisions, if requested.

6.6 Legal advice and services will be provided for the Organization's peacekeeping operations through the preparation of agreements governing the status and the privileges, immunities, facilities and exemptions of those operations, including status-of-forces and status-of-mission agreements. Assistance and advice will also be provided in the preparation of instruments required for the proper and lawful functioning of those operations, including rules of engagement, standard operating procedures and directives. In the case of operations with legislative and executive mandates, assistance and advice will, in addition, be provided in the preparation of legislative instruments. Assistance for peacemaking efforts will include advice to support negotiations and the preparation of legal instruments.

6.7 A further objective of the subprogramme is to support the development of international justice and an end to impunity through help to existing international and internationally assisted tribunals. To that end, the Office will work to ensure that, as subsidiary organs of the Security Council, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda operate, in their administrative activities, in accordance with the Charter, regulations, rules and policies of the United Nations and, as judicial organs, act within their statutes. Within the framework of the subprogramme, the Office will provide advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the Organization on legal aspects of the activities of the above-mentioned Tribunals and on matters arising in their relations with those Tribunals. It will also provide advice to the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda regarding their relationships with States and host countries. In addition, the Office will provide advice and ongoing support to the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Moreover, it will provide advice to the principal and subsidiary organs regarding the Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the United Nations. Furthermore, it will assist in the establishment of other tribunals, as mandated, and help to develop transitional justice mechanisms, if mandated.

6.8 The Office will continue to carry out secretariat and representational functions for organs and bodies falling within its competence, including the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee on Relations with the Host

Country and, as appropriate, ad hoc working groups of the Security Council and the Sixth Committee.

Subprogramme 2
General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Objective of the Organization: to protect the legal interests of the Organization

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Maximization of the protection of the legal interests of the Organization	(a) The absence of instances in which, unless waived, the status and privileges and immunities of the Organization are not maintained
(b) Minimization of the legal liabilities of the Organization	(b) The total amount of the Organization's legal liability is minimized compared with the total amount of claims brought against the Organization

Strategy

6.9 The subprogramme is implemented by the General Legal Division. Legal services and support will be provided to assist all parts of the Organization, including offices located away from Headquarters, in the day-to-day administration of their mandates and programmes. These involve (a) participation in meetings of Secretariat bodies, such as the Committee on Contracts, the Staff Management Coordination Committee, the Property Survey Board and the Claims Board; and (b) the provision of advice on the interpretation of certain Articles of the Charter, General Assembly resolutions and decisions, the regulations, rules and mandates of programmes and activities in which United Nations organs and bodies are engaged and the interpretation of other administrative issuances of the Secretariat.

6.10 Legal services and support will also be provided (a) for the peacekeeping operations of the Organization in contracting for air, land and sea transportation, rations, logistical support, personnel and equipment; the resolution of related disputes; and claims against the Organization resulting from such operations; (b) for the Organization's expanded contracting requirements and the reform of procurement; (c) to funds and programmes for the establishment of programmes of cooperation for development, as well as for the development of new institutional modalities for operational activities and initiatives to counter epidemics and other hazards; (d) for assisting in the prosecution and punishment of staff members and others who engage in theft, corruption or other fraudulent activities against the Organization and for recovery of assets; and (e) for the development of new modalities for cooperating with outside entities in achieving the objectives of the Organization.

6.11 Furthermore, legal services will be provided for matters related to the regulations, rules and other administrative issuances of the Organization and

revisions to the personnel appraisal system. The General Legal Division will represent the Secretary-General before the Administrative Tribunal and represent the Organization before other judicial and arbitral bodies.

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate the progressive development and codification of international law

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress in the formulation of legal instruments	(a) (i) The level of progress achieved on instruments under preparation
	(ii) The satisfaction of Member States with the quality of parliamentary documentation and background materials
	(iii) The satisfaction of the International Law Commission with the services provided
	(iv) The satisfaction of Member States with the services provided to the Sixth Committee
(b) Wider appreciation and understanding of international law	(b) (i) The satisfaction of participants with the quality of courses and seminars
	(ii) The satisfaction of end-users with the quality of publications issued and information disseminated electronically

Strategy

6.12 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme is vested in the Codification Division. The types of activities to be undertaken will include research on topics of international law, compilation of background documents, preparation of draft reports of a substantive nature for the bodies concerned, legal advice and assistance in the conduct of proceedings and in the drafting of legal instruments, resolutions and decisions.

6.13 Substantive support will be provided to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly in its consideration of the status of relevant instruments, measures aimed at enhancing the accession of States to those instruments or, as the case may be, use by States of the procedures envisaged by the relevant resolutions of the Assembly. Substantive support will also be provided to special and ad hoc committees and working groups of the Sixth Committee, as well as to the International Law Commission.

6.14 The United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be implemented through (a) the preparation and issuance of legal publications, such as the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*, the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, the *United Nations Legislative Series* and the *Reports of International Arbitral Awards*, proceedings of codification conferences, *Summaries of Judgments, Advisory Opinions* and *Orders of the International Court of Justice*, as well as ad hoc publications on public international law; (b) the designing of curricula and the organization of courses and seminars on various subjects of international law; (c) the maintenance and continuous updating of the websites of the Sixth Committee and the International Law Commission, and of the codification of international law, in conformity with existing mandates; and (d) the administration of the Audiovisual Library of International Law via the Internet, including through the organization of lectures and the dissemination of teaching materials, and the presentation of historic archival material. Assistance in the form of fellowships, seminars and enhanced distribution of and access to United Nations legal publications will be provided, in particular, to developing countries.

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the rule of law for the oceans

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased capacity of Member States and intergovernmental organizations for the uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the implementing agreements	(a) (i) Increased number of States parties able to implement their obligations under the Convention and the implementing agreements (ii) Increased participation of States in the Convention and the implementing agreements
(b) Increased opportunities for States to derive benefits from the oceans and seas in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the implementing agreements	(b) (i) Increased number of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (ii) Increased number of activities aimed at improving the sustainable development of the oceans and seas, the equitable and efficient utilization of their resources, the conservation of their living resources and the study, protection and preservation of the marine environment (iii) Increased cooperation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and, in particular, biodiversity, in areas beyond national jurisdiction

(c) Increased cooperation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of processes formed by the General Assembly, such as the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	(c) (i) Increased number of substantive contributions made by intergovernmental organizations to the Secretary-General's annual reports to the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea, including special reports (ii) Active participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea and other relevant processes
(d) Increased cooperation between intergovernmental organizations and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the coordination on oceans-related issues	(d) Increased activities carried out jointly between the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and other relevant organizations, including requests for assistance

Strategy

6.15 The subprogramme is implemented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

6.16 The Division will provide information, analysis and advice on the Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing Agreements, their status and State practice relating thereto. Assistance will be provided to States and international organizations (including regional organizations) in the development of legal instruments in the field of the law of the sea and ocean affairs, in harmony with the provisions of the Convention and its implementing Agreements.

6.17 Member States will be assisted in identifying emerging issues of ocean affairs to be addressed within the framework of the Convention. This assistance will entail analysing areas requiring action, organizing groups of experts for the purpose of formulating appropriate responses to emerging needs and servicing multilateral consultations and negotiations, so as to contribute to the progressive development and codification of international law.

6.18 Developing States, through the workshops and training material developed by the Division's capacity-building team in collaboration with internal and external partners, will continue to be assisted in developing and strengthening their capabilities, in particular the human and technical resources, required for the effective exercise of their rights and the fulfilment of their obligations.

6.19 The Division will continue providing services to the meetings of States parties to the Convention and to the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement) and substantial, administrative and technical support to the Review Conference for the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be convened at a date not later than 2011.

6.20 The Division will also provide services and assistance for the effective functioning of the institutions established under the Convention. In particular, it will provide both administrative and technical support to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in its consideration of the increasing number of submissions by States for delineation of the outer limits of their continental shelves. In this connection, the Division will also provide advice on the preparation of the submission and on the procedural aspects of its examination to prospective submitting States, in addition to the training courses on the implementation of article 76 of the Convention, addressed to developing States which have indicated a potential for an extended continental shelf.

6.21 The Division will provide any necessary assistance to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the International Seabed Authority. Moreover, upon request, it will assist States in the settlement of disputes through other mechanisms contained in the Convention.

6.22 The Division will facilitate the annual consideration, review and evaluation of continuing developments related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs by the General Assembly through the provision of information, analysis and reports as well as the servicing of the informal consultations to elaborate the Assembly resolutions on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries.

6.23 The Division will continue providing substantive services to the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, established by the General Assembly to facilitate its annual review of developments related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs by suggesting particular issues to be considered by it, with an emphasis on identifying areas where coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency levels should be enhanced, as well as other relevant processes as may be established by the Assembly.

6.24 The Division will continue to participate actively in relevant meetings of United Nations and non-United Nations bodies dealing with oceans-related issues and the mechanisms of cooperation and coordination relating to oceans, in particular UN-Oceans and its subsidiary bodies.

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate and encourage the progressive improvement, harmonization, understanding, knowledge and application of international trade law and coordination of the work of international organizations active in that field

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Contributions to the modernization of trade law and practices and reduction of legal uncertainties and obstacles posed by inadequate and disparate laws	(a) (i) Increased number of legislative decisions (ratifications and national enactments) based on United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) texts (ii) Increased number of judicial decisions based on UNCITRAL texts

(b) Contributions to increased understanding of international trade law issues and reliance on UNCITRAL standards	(b) (i) Increased number of publications or databases referring to the work and mentioning UNCITRAL texts (ii) Increased number of page views on the UNCITRAL website
(c) Improved coordination and cooperation among international organizations active in the field of international trade law	(c) Increased number of joint activities that incorporate references to UNCITRAL trade law standards
(d) Facilitation of the work of UNCITRAL	(d) Satisfaction of UNCITRAL with the services provided

Strategy

6.25 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the International Trade Law Division.

6.26 The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, codification conferences and related intergovernmental working groups will be provided with substantive support. The services provided will include research on international trade law and preparation of studies and policy papers, legal advice and assistance in the conduct of intergovernmental negotiations and in the drafting of decisions, amendments and proposals.

6.27 The International Trade Law Division will assist the Commission in drafting for Governments modern and universally acceptable legislative and non-legislative texts (treaties, model laws, legislative guides and recommendations) in areas where the Commission determines that the modernization or harmonization of commercial law is desirable and feasible.

6.28 In view of the growing need for commercial law reform in the various areas in which the Commission has prepared harmonized standards and the related increased demand for legislative technical assistance, in particular in developing countries and countries in transition, the Division will pay considerable attention to developing and carrying out programmes for the more active promotion of UNCITRAL texts, as well as legislative technical assistance and training. Such assistance will be based on requests from regional organizations and individual countries, and will be provided in the form of briefings to officials, training and direct assistance in the drafting of instruments enacting uniform law texts, supported by commentaries, guides to enactment and information notes prepared by the Division. Professional associations and academic institutions, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, will be assisted in promoting modern business practices and the teaching of international trade law.

6.29 Cooperation will be undertaken with regional organizations to foster regional harmonization on the basis of universal texts of the Commission. The Division will provide models for use by intergovernmental organizations when they prepare legislative texts or assist their member States in modernizing trade legislation. Furthermore, the Division will draft models for use by international and national organizations when they prepare standard texts for use by their members. Attention

will generally be given to issues arising from the increasing importance of electronic commerce in international trade.

6.30 Bearing in mind the fact that an increasing number of regional economic integration organizations and those for particular industrial sectors are formulating rules and standards for international trade, the Division will be required to monitor and analyse their work so as to assist the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, to carry out its mandate to coordinate legal activities in the area of international trade, in particular to avoid duplication of efforts and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law.

6.31 Users of texts originating from the work of the Commission will be provided with information on the judicial and arbitral application and interpretation of those texts. Such information will be made available in all the official languages of the United Nations in the form of abstracts of court decisions and arbitral awards. In addition, the Division will facilitate the use of uniform law by preparing and continuously updating a digest of case law interpreting the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, as well as disseminating information on the implementation of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate wider awareness of international treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat under Article 102 of the Charter, and actions relating to those treaties

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved access to international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and related treaty actions, including information on their status, and to treaties and related actions submitted for registration and publication with the Secretariat	(a) (i) The timely provision of substantive and procedural depositary-related advice and guidance on treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General (ii) The timely processing of treaty actions and formalities relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General (iii) The timely processing of treaties and actions submitted for registration and publication (iv) Increased number of page views on the Treaty Section's website
(b) Promotion of broader State participation in the multilateral treaty framework	(b) (i) Increased number of treaty actions (e.g., ratifications and accessions) received for deposit with the Secretary-General

		(ii) Increased participation by Member States in the international treaty framework
(c) Enhanced familiarity with and understanding by Member States of the technical and legal aspects of participating in the multilateral treaty framework and registering treaties with the Secretariat	(c)	(i) Increased number of treaty actions submitted for deposit in the proper format
		(ii) Increased number of treaties and actions submitted for registration and publication in the proper form, pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter
(d) Increased respect for the international treaty framework	(d)	(i) Increased requests for depositary and registration-related information and advice from States, other United Nations offices, specialized agencies and treaty bodies
		(ii) Increased number of participants in training seminars or ad hoc training sessions provided by the Treaty Section at Headquarters and in the regions

Strategy

6.32 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme is vested in the Treaty Section.

6.33 The Section will undertake the depositary functions of the Secretary-General for over 530 multilateral treaties and the registration and publication functions relating to over 60,000 treaties and over 110,000 related actions pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter; provide timely and accurate information relating to the treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and to treaties and related actions registered with the Secretariat; provide assistance and advice to Member States, specialized agencies, United Nations offices, treaty bodies and other entities on various aspects of treaty law, including final clauses of treaties, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter; and prepare and revise related publications.

6.34 The Treaty Section will continue to refine its computerization programme to respond most effectively to the needs of Member States, in particular with respect to (a) the comprehensive electronic database containing up-to-date depositary and registration information; (b) electronic dissemination of treaty and treaty law-related information from the database, including through online access; and (c) enhancement of the electronic database/workflow system, and will continue to update and enhance the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet.

6.35 The Section will continue to promote wider participation in the multilateral treaty framework through regular treaty events and provide assistance to States with the technical and legal aspects of participation in treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter, including through capacity-building training seminars held at Headquarters in New York and in the regions.

Legislative mandates

Subprogramme 1
Provision of legal services to the United Nations as a whole

General Assembly resolutions

13 (I)	Organization of the Secretariat
2819 (XXVI)	Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel, and establishment of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Subprogramme 2
General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

General Assembly resolutions

351 A (IV)	Establishment of a United Nations Administrative Tribunal
782 B (VIII)	Personnel policy of the United Nations: amendment to the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
957 (X)	Procedure for review of United Nations Administrative Tribunal judgements: amendments to the statute of the Administrative Tribunal
50/54	Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
52/166	Amendment to article 13 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
55/159	Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

174 (II)	Establishment of an International Law Commission
487 (V)	Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available
987 (X)	Publication of the documents of the International Law Commission
3006 (XXVII)	*United Nations Juridical Yearbook*
61/30	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
62/61	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

62/62	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
62/63	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
62/66	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-ninth session
62/67	Diplomatic protection
62/68	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm
62/69	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions]
62/70	The rule of law at the national and international levels
62/71	Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Articles 16 (2), 47 (9), 75 (2), 76 (9), 84 (2), 287 (8), 298 (6), 312, 313 (1), 319 (1) and 319 (2); articles 2 (2), 2 (5) and 6 (3) of annex II; articles 2 and 3 (e) of annex V; article 4 (4) of annex VI; article 2 (1) of annex VII; and article 3 (e) of annex VIII

General Assembly resolutions

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52/26	Oceans and the law of the sea
54/33	Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "Oceans and seas": international coordination and cooperation
56/13	Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks [establishment of informal consultations of parties to the Fish Stocks Agreement]
57/141	Oceans and the law of the sea

58/14	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
58/240	Oceans and the law of the sea
59/24	Oceans and the law of the sea
59/25	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
60/30	Oceans and the law of the sea
60/31	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
61/105	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
61/222	Oceans and the law of the sea
62/177	Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
62/215	Oceans and the law of the sea

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade

General Assembly resolutions

2205 (XXI)	Establishment of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
62/64	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fortieth session

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations

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54/28	United Nations Decade of International Law
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
56/77	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

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Overall orientation

7.1 The overall objective of the programme is to promote and support international cooperation in the pursuit of sustained economic growth, the eradication of poverty and hunger, and sustainable development for all. While focused on advancing the development pillar, the programme also seeks to contribute to a mutually reinforcing relationship among the three pillars of the United Nations work: peace and security, development and human rights. The programme is under the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

7.2 The programme has put development issues at the centre of global deliberations and helped Member States to forge a shared vision of development based on internationally agreed development goals, as identified in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit. Those commitments are collectively referred to as the United Nations development agenda.

7.3 In the biennium 2010-2011, the programme will continue to mobilize and provide practical support to help translate those commitments into action. It will focus on the delivery of four main functions: (a) research and analysis on development issues and support to the global statistical system; (b) normative and policy support to United Nations intergovernmental processes; (c) assistance in capacity development to support implementation of global conference outcomes at the country level; and (d) fostering collaboration and partnerships within the United Nations system and with civil society and the private sector.

7.4 Fulfilling those functions requires strengthened analytical and monitoring capacity, in particular to identify and address cross-cutting policy challenges and to support both national development strategies and accountability and monitoring mechanisms at the intergovernmental level. Strategic integration is also essential, in order to promote a coherent implementation process for the internationally agreed development goals. This includes enhancing horizontal linkages across the subprogrammes of programme 7 to enable more effective and flexible support to Member States in pursuing the development agenda, in cooperation with entities of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, to which the programme provides strategic support and ensures its stronger linkages with the United Nations Development Group, other executive committees and various other partners.

7.5 The programme will continue to emphasize the mainstreaming of gender perspectives into all policies and programmes, and to provide advice and support in this field to the entire Organization, Member States and others. Consultations have taken place among concerned entities of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs at the thematic cluster level. Those consultations are expected to lead to better coordination and more collaborative work among programmes in major common work areas of the United Nations Secretariat in the social and economic sectors.

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

Objective of the Organization: to advance the role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in supporting efforts to promote more coherent and integrated implementation of the United Nations development agenda, comprised of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in policy development, coordination and coherence to facilitate and monitor progress in implementing the internationally agreed development goals and in strengthening the linkage between policy and operational activities for development, including through the annual ministerial review and the Development Cooperation Forum	(a) (i) Increased number of agreed outcomes and presidential summaries reflecting consensus on major development issues (ii) Increased number of country-level development plans reflecting the policy consensus (iii) Increased number of Member States participating in the annual ministerial review process (iv) Increased number of stakeholders participating in the Development Cooperation Forum process
(b) Enhanced role of the Economic and Social Council in guiding its subsidiary bodies and in promoting coordination and coherence in the activities of the United Nations system	(b) (i) Increased number of similar items appearing on the agendas and programmes of work of the functional commissions following up on or complementing the agenda of the Economic and Social Council (ii) The number of actions taken by subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council in response to policy coordination initiatives and documents of the Council (iii) Increased contribution to the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council
(c) Enhanced role of the Economic and Social Council in the area of post-conflict reconstruction and development, including its enhanced interaction with the Security Council as mandated by the Economic and Social Council	(c) Increased number of recommendations and decisions of the Economic and Social Council on long-term development situations of post-conflict countries as well as its advice to the Peacebuilding Commission

Strategy

7.6 The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council through its annual ministerial-level substantive reviews to monitor progress in implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and through national voluntary presentations on country experiences in meeting those goals;

(b) Promoting policy coherence and effectiveness among the development activities of different development actors and strengthening the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations through the Development Cooperation Forum;

(c) Promoting policy dialogue on interrelated economic and social issues through special meetings with international financial and trade institutions on the coordinated and integrated follow-up to and implementation of the United Nations development agenda;

(d) Supporting the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in order to facilitate the contribution of civil society to the work of the Economic and Social Council on the integrated follow-up to the international development goals agreed upon at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Development Goals, and supporting non-governmental organizations in building their capacity to participate in the work and activities of the United Nations;

(e) Promoting a comprehensive and integrated approach to the follow-up to and implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, in particular by utilizing a more coherent and integrated approach to social, economic, financial, environmental and development issues;

(f) Assisting the Economic and Social Council in its work, in cooperation with the General Assembly and the Security Council, on issues of conflict-prevention and post-conflict peacebuilding in countries emerging from conflict, as mandated by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, and in developing a strategy to address the development dimension of post-conflict situations, drawing on the advice and contribution to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the achievement of gender equality and the advancement of women, including women's full enjoyment of their human rights

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Advancements in gender equality and elimination of gender discrimination through support to and the promotion of the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the 2005 World Summit and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	(a) (i) Increased number of policies and actions taken at the national and regional levels to implement the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the 2005 World Summit (ii) Increased number of representatives of non-governmental organizations that participate in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women
(b) Enhanced capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women to fulfil its mandates, including the promotion of gender mainstreaming in all political, economic and social spheres	(b) (i) Increased number of Member States reporting to the Commission on the Status of Women on actions taken to implement gender mainstreaming at the national level (ii) Increased proportion of resolutions and decisions of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council that incorporate a gender perspective
(c) Increased capacity of the United Nations system entities to mainstream gender perspectives and to undertake targeted measures to empower women in policies and programmes of the United Nations system	(c) (i) Increased number of actions taken by United Nations entities, individually and/or collaboratively, to incorporate gender perspectives in their policies, programmes and projects (ii) Improved gender balance through effective implementation of gender-sensitive human resources policy measures by the United Nations system entities
(d) Increased understanding of and enhanced political support to measures to implement Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)	(d) Increased number of the United Nations entity-specific policies and action plans on implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)

Strategy

7.7 The Office of the Special Adviser on Women and Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women are responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting commitments and actions of Member States and intergovernmental bodies for the full and effective implementation of mandates relating to gender equality and the mainstreaming of gender perspectives, especially those emanating from the 2005 World Summit, the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and other resolutions and decisions, such as Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), as well as obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(b) Promoting understanding of emerging issues on gender equality and the advancement of women through research, analysis and provision of evidence-based policy options, monitoring of implementation and enhanced dissemination of intergovernmental recommendations and outcomes;

(c) Enhancing effective functioning of intergovernmental bodies, including the Commission on the Status of Women, through relevant research and analysis, innovative proposals for strengthening methods of work and facilitating the involvement of civil society in intergovernmental processes;

(d) Providing technical advisory services, upon request, at the regional and national levels, aimed at capacity-building in relation to implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol;

(e) Promoting the use of the gender mainstreaming strategy in all policies and programmes and intergovernmental processes, facilitating inter-agency collaboration and monitoring the development of policies, methodologies and tools;

(f) Promoting the improvement of the status of women within the United Nations system, including by promoting and monitoring the achievement of gender balance and a gender-sensitive work environment within the United Nations system.

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen international cooperation, raise awareness about the importance of social development and enhance national capacity with particular attention to poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration, especially with due regard to issues relating to older persons, persons with disabilities, family, youth and indigenous peoples

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) International debate and agreements facilitated on major social development issues on the agendas of the United Nations intergovernmental processes	(a) (i) Percentage of proposed recommendations used in the formulation of resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions
	(ii) Increased number of programmes in the United Nations system devoted to social development issues

(b) Strengthened capacity of Member States and of civil society to develop and implement social programmes and policies	(b) (i) Increased number of national personnel trained to implement social policies at the national and community levels (ii) Increased number of social policy measures taken by countries to promote poverty eradication, employment generation, social protection, social spending and social integration
(c) Better understanding and awareness by Governments, civil society and the private sector of issues of social development	(c) (i) Improved and timely access to United Nations research and analysis information (ii) Increased number of multi-stakeholder events on issues relating to social development

Strategy

7.8 The Division for Social Policy and Development is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting greater awareness of and supporting the integrated follow-up to and the implementation, within the overall orientation provided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, of the commitments agreed upon at relevant United Nations conferences and summits, especially the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the mandates and recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the major international action plans, in particular the International Plan of Action on Ageing, as well as other programmes of action, notably on persons with disabilities and youth, and mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions, such as those related to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, with emphasis on greater integration of social and economic concerns and objectives in policymaking;

(b) Strengthening research and analysis, improving, rationalizing and streamlining existing methods of work and facilitating the involvement of civil society in intergovernmental processes with a view, inter alia, to enhancing effective functioning of intergovernmental and expert bodies, including the work of the Commission for Social Development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(c) Advocating and promoting understanding of and support for emerging issues in social development through research, analysis and reporting on policy options in close collaboration and coordination with other United Nations entities to achieve social development in order to present evidence-based policy recommendations to Member States;

(d) Providing technical advisory services at the regional and national levels through training and capacity-building;

(e) Raising civil society awareness and facilitating civil society support for the work of the United Nations on social development.

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Objective of the Organization: to accelerate the implementation of sustainable development goals, targets and commitments in accordance with internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, in particular the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective review of and agreement on key sustainable development challenges and priority actions of the multi-year programme of work to advance implementation in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, 10 years framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns	(a) Increased level of satisfaction by Member States with the support and servicing for the intergovernmental process, including activities related to consensus-building, the functioning of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the partnership fair, the Learning Centre and the participation of major groups
(b) Increased accessibility of information and knowledge on policy options, practical measures and concrete actions needed for the adoption and implementation of sustainable development at the local, national, regional and international levels	(b) (i) Increased number of inputs by Member States into databases on case studies, partnerships, best practices and lessons learned (ii) Increased number of visits to and downloads from the website of the Division for Sustainable Development
(c) Enhanced technical, human and institutional capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to implement actions and national strategies for sustainable development in energy, water, natural resources, and sustainable consumption and production	(c) (i) Increased number of countries expressing satisfaction with advisory, technical cooperation and capacity-building services to achieve their sustainable development goals (ii) Increased number of national staff trained, resulting in enhanced knowledge and skills

Strategy

7.9 The Division for Sustainable Development is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting and supporting effective, coherent and coordinated implementation of the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations, including Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, at the national, regional and global levels, with an emphasis on greater integration of social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through, inter alia, national sustainable development strategies;

(b) Providing substantive and effective support, including policy development and analysis, to intergovernmental processes, in particular to the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(c) Providing coordinated and coherent support to system-wide, inter-agency activities for the implementation of sustainable development goals;

(d) Providing technical and policy advisory services, at the request of Member States, including Small Island Developing States, to enhance their capacity to develop, implement, monitor and review national sustainable development strategies and action plans on sustainable consumption and production, as well as actions and strategies to manage water, energy resources and responses to climate change, and to implement effective information, monitoring, review and reporting systems at the national and regional levels;

(e) Strengthening cooperation with major groups and identifying opportunities for their further engagement in the work of the United Nations in the area of sustainable development;

(f) Undertaking in-depth analysis and evaluation of trends in the implementation of sustainable development, including lessons learned, best practices and new challenges, and cross-sectoral analysis of sustainable development in the economic, energy, climate change, water and natural resources sectors;

(g) Maintaining and improving transparent, user-friendly and easily accessible websites, including database systems for information on sustainable development;

(h) Providing information and summary reports on partnerships for sustainable development to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

Objective of the Organization: to advance the global statistical system in order to produce high quality, easily accessible comparable national statistics for policymakers and other users at the national and international levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened global statistical system, with more active participation by countries and increased collaboration among international organizations, including progress in the harmonization and rationalization of development indicators	(a) (i) Increased number of participants from countries and international organizations attending the sessions of the Statistical Commission, workshops, expert group meetings and seminars
	(ii) Increased number of collaborative activities carried out with international organizations on the rationalization and harmonization of development indicators

(b) Better and broader use by Governments, international organizations, research institutes, the private sector and the general public of statistical data and technical guidelines produced by the subprogramme	(b) (i) Increased number of requests satisfied for statistical data (ii) Increased percentage of visits to the Statistics Division website
(c) Strengthened capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to routinely collect, compile, store, analyse and disseminate official statistics and indicators in the economic, social, demographic and environmental fields to produce quality data for policymakers and the public in general	(c) Increased percentage of participants that utilized knowledge obtained at training workshops

Strategy

7.10 The subprogramme is under responsibility of the Statistics Division, which is the centre of the United Nations global statistical system that includes national statistical offices, international organizations and civil society engaging in official statistics, under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The strategy will include:

(a) Expanding the normative role of the subprogramme in the development and enhancement of statistical standards, the collection and depositing of statistical data by Member States and the coordination of international statistical activities, especially those related to new and emerging policy issues;

(b) Helping countries, through the development of guidelines, to build and manage sustainable national statistical systems with appropriate governance structures and development guidelines, to utilize state-of-the-art data capture, processing and dissemination technologies in order to enhance the quality of and accessibility to policy-relevant statistical information;

(c) Developing norms and standards, in particular developing statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and methods for the collection, compilation, storage, analysis and dissemination of statistics and indicators for use by statistical authorities at the national level;

(d) Compiling and disseminating global statistical information in the areas of national accounts, international trade, energy, industry, demographic and social concerns and the environment, increasingly using modern information and communication technologies, including the Internet, to facilitate data exchange and to enhance accessibility to comparable national statistics in those fields by policymakers and other users at the national and international levels;

(e) Strengthening of countries' national statistical systems, particularly developing countries and countries with economies in transition, by disseminating methodological information to those countries, conducting training, stimulating their participation in the regional and international exchange of experiences and providing other appropriate forms of technical cooperation, including technical advisory services on request;

(f) Promoting the use of mapping and geographical information systems for modern surveying at the national, regional and local levels as well as promoting the harmonization and standardization of geographical names;

(g) Coordinating international statistical activities by cooperating closely with other international organizations active in statistics to further enhance the coordinated system of international statistical work, including the development of standards and methods, the provision of technical support services and the dissemination of consistent, high-quality data and indicators; in particular using new Internet and information management technologies to enhance the coherence in the statistical data work of the entire United Nations system.

Subprogramme 6
Population

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the international community's capacity to effectively address current and emerging population issues and to integrate the population dimensions into the development agenda at the national and international levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effectively facilitate review by Member States of progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcome of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly, the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit	(a) Improved quality of support and servicing for the Commission on Population and Development, including the provision of timely, relevant, technically sound and policy-oriented documentation for its work
(b) Enhanced awareness of the international community of new and emerging population issues and increased knowledge and understanding, at the national level, particularly in the areas of fertility, mortality, migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing and the environment	(b) Increased interaction of the subprogramme with other key stakeholders in the area of population
(c) Improved accessibility and timeliness of population information and data for use by Member States, the United Nations system, civil society and academia	(c) Increased demand for population publications or digital information products

Strategy

7.11 The Population Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The objective will be achieved by:

(a) Providing substantive support to United Nations bodies, especially to the Commission on Population and Development, and assessing progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) Facilitating the discussion of key or emerging population issues by experts or government representatives;

(c) Preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and population trends relating to fertility, mortality, international and internal migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population prospects, population policy and population in relation to development;

(d) Disseminating population information and policy-relevant findings in the area of population, in particular through the Population Division websites;

(e) Building capacity to address population issues at the national level through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software.

Subprogramme 7
Development policy and analysis

Objective of the Organization: to identify and reach intergovernmental agreement on the economic policies and actions necessary at the national and international levels to improve long-term development prospects

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened international debate by assisting the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in identifying and understanding new and emerging economic development issues and challenges, in particular in the context of advancing the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and with full consideration of the implications of major cross-cutting issues for the international development agenda	(a) (i) Increased number of debated economic policies and actions to achieve internationally agreed development goals (ii) Increased level of satisfaction by Member States with the substantive support provided by the subprogramme
(b) Improved dialogue on the world economic situation, including fostering and disseminating a unified United Nations view on the world economic outlook and its implications for the prospects of developing countries	(b) (i) Increased inputs from the United Nations system entities and Member States to the dialogue on the world economic situation and prospects (ii) Increased number of downloads from the website of the subprogramme
(c) Strengthened capacity of developing countries to integrate macroeconomic and social policies in national development strategies, including through better understanding of mechanisms to cope with economic insecurity, and to make macroeconomic stabilization compatible with long-term poverty reduction	(c) Increased number of developing countries that developed proposals and plans on the integration of macroeconomic and social policies into national development strategies

Strategy

7.12 The Development Policy and Analysis Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will focus on:

(a) Analysis of emerging economic issues for the United Nations development agenda and actions to promote development in developing countries, especially those that face the greatest difficulties in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, with emphasis on greater integration of social and economic concerns and objectives in policymaking, and in close collaboration and coordination with other United Nations system entities. Substantive and effective support to the work of the Committee for Development Policy will be provided;

(b) Expanded dissemination of the *World Economic and Social Survey, World Economic Situation and Prospects*, and *Reports by the Committee for Development Policy* among research, academic and other development institutions, as well as policymakers in Member States;

(c) Development of a unified United Nations perspective on the short-term global macroeconomic situation and prospects, as well as on timely and accurate assessments of the benefits of coordinated international macroeconomic policies through a strengthening and improvement of the global economic forecasting and policy modelling framework, and through collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions;

(d) Substantive interaction with development institutions, including academic and research bodies, including by providing support to other United Nations entities in strengthening the analytical capacity to address the economic development policy implications of cross-cutting challenges;

(e) Assistance to the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly with information on countries' economic structures, performance, prospects and related issues in their review of conflict and post-conflict situations and analysis of those policy measures at the international, regional and national levels to facilitate peacebuilding and peacekeeping;

(f) Assistance to developing countries in strengthening their capacity in applying analytical tools in support of the definition of national development strategies aimed at achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, especially in the areas of linking macroeconomic policies to poverty reduction targets and coping with economic vulnerability and insecurity;

(g) Assistance to the least developed countries, and those graduating from this category in improving their capacity to overcome structural development bottlenecks and identifying needs and opportunities for international economic cooperation in support of their graduation strategies.

Subprogramme 8
Public administration and development management

Objective of the Organization: to promote effective, efficient, accountable, participatory and transparent public administration for the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced dialogue on improved understanding of the issues related to public administration, participatory governance, capacity-building and promotion of professionalism and ethics, and knowledge management for development	(a) Increased number of references, recommendations and decisions aimed at facilitating intergovernmental dialogue on the cross-cutting issues in the area of public administration found in reports, declarations and resolutions
(b) Enhanced knowledge and improved exchange of innovations and good practices in the area of public administration, participatory governance and knowledge management for development	(b) Increased number of visits to and downloads from the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance
(c) Increased capacity of national Governments to strengthen participatory governance, professionalism and accountability in the public sector for improved performance, including through the use of information and communication technologies	(c) The number of methodological and technical recommendations implemented by national Governments as a result of advisory services and technical cooperation projects

Strategy

7.13 The Division for Public Administration and Development Management is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy is based on an integrated approach comprising the provision of substantive support to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, analytical work, capacity development as well as the dissemination of best practices, experiences in information sharing and network building. It is aimed at:

(a) Promoting greater awareness, common approaches, understanding and innovative policy options among Member States in key substantive areas of public management, such as post-conflict reconstruction of public administration, engaged governance, capacity-building and promotion of professionalism and ethics in the public sector, and the use of information and communication technology in government and resource management;

(b) Strengthening partnerships and cooperation with other international and regional as well as professional organizations within and outside the United Nations system to increase synergy among related activities;

(c) Devoting special attention to countries emerging from conflict or crisis.

Subprogramme 9
Sustainable forest management

Objective of the Organization: to advance long-term political commitment to the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests at the global, regional and national levels and to promote the achievement of the internationally shared global objectives on forests, in particular, effective implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective international dialogue on sustainable forest management including events related to the International Year of Forests (2011)	(a) (i) Increased number of decisions, reports and chairman's summaries on improvement of sustainable forest management at all levels (ii) The number of events related to the International Year of Forests (2011)
(b) Enhanced monitoring, assessment of and reporting on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and the progress towards the global objectives on forests	(b) Increased number of reports submitted by countries and other stakeholders on progress made in the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests
(c) Improved international collaboration and coordination on forests through more effective and better knowledge on sustainable forest management among Governments, major groups, organizations, instruments and processes, including the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests	(c) Increased number of partnerships, collaborative activities and country, region and organization-led initiatives undertaken to support the international forest policy dialogue

Strategy

7.14 The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Supporting efforts to implement the non-legally binding instrument and to achieve the shared global objectives on forests;

(b) Promoting greater awareness of and supporting the implementation of forest-related elements of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992, as well as those stemming from the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests processes and the United Nations Forum on Forests;

(c) Providing substantive support for continued policy development, dialogue and agreements to the intergovernmental processes, in particular the United Nations Forum on Forests;

(d) Providing support to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests as well as other relevant international and regional organizations instruments and processes and major groups for enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination on forest-related issues;

(e) Facilitating, monitoring, assessing and reporting on the progress of national, regional and global actions in sustainable forest development, as well as undertaking research on and analysis and dissemination of that data and information, including through the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests;

(f) Contributing to strengthened regional and international cooperation including North-South, South-South and public-private partnerships, in sustainable forest management;

(g) Providing substantive support for the dissemination of technical and scientific knowledge and information through an improved user-friendly and easily accessible website;

(h) Assisting countries, at their request, in developing and implementing forest conservation and rehabilitation strategies, increasing the area of forests under sustainable management in order to maintain and improving their forest resources with a view to enhancing the benefits of forests;

(i) Actively liaising with all stakeholders to facilitate the celebration of the International Year of Forests, including through organizing events and strengthening public and media outreach, as well as organizing the main event to celebrate the International Year of Forests at the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Subprogramme 10
Financing for development

Objective of the Organization: to promote and support sustained follow-up to the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development, as contained in the Monterrey Consensus, the outcome of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, as well as financing for development-related aspects of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, including the development goals set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective multi-stakeholder monitoring of and follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus, the outcome of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development and other related outcomes	(a) Increased number of contributions from all the stakeholders in the financing for development process to the annual analytical assessment of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the outcome of the Doha Review Conference and other related outcomes
(b) Strengthened role and fuller use of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the relevant	(b) Increased number and scope of agreements reached and commitments made by Member States as a result of intergovernmental

intergovernmental and governing bodies of other institutional stakeholders, for the purposes of conferences' follow-up and coordination	deliberations in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as in the relevant intergovernmental and governing bodies of other institutional stakeholders, for the purposes of conferences' follow-up and coordination
(c) Fuller engagement of Governments and greater cooperation and interaction among all institutional and non-institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process to ensure proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Monterrey and Doha Conferences	(c) Increased number and impact of multi-stakeholder consultations, workshops, seminars and other events on financing for development, including the international and regional financial and trade institutions, as well as the relevant entities of civil society and the private sector

Strategy

7.15 The Financing for Development Office is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Serving as a focal point in the United Nations Secretariat for overall follow-up to the implementation at the national, regional and global levels of the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development and, in this context, intensifying collaboration and interaction with the secretariats of the major institutional stakeholders, the regional commissions and development banks, as well as civil society and the business sector;

(b) Promoting coherence and an integrated approach within the United Nations to issues related to financing for development, for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, including the development goals set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

(c) Providing substantive secretariat support, including the preparation of multi-stakeholder reports and other inputs, to the intergovernmental process entrusted with the follow-up to the Conferences on Financing for Development and the World Summit, in particular with respect to the area of coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development;

(d) Organizing, in collaboration with experts from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society, multi-stakeholder consultations, workshops, panel discussions and other activities aimed at better enabling Member States to implement their commitments as agreed upon in the Monterrey Consensus and related outcomes.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

47/190	Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (subprogrammes 4, 5, 6 and 7)
47/191	Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (subprogrammes 4, 5 and 6)
50/227	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (subprogrammes 1 and 7)
51/176	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (subprogrammes 5 and 6)
51/240	Agenda for Development (all subprogrammes)
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration (all subprogrammes)
55/279	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (all subprogrammes)
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (all subprogrammes)
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development (all subprogrammes)
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (all subprogrammes)
58/220	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (subprogrammes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8)
58/225	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (subprogrammes 1 and 7)
58/269	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change (all subprogrammes)
59/243	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (subprogrammes 7 and 8)
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome (all subprogrammes)
60/265	Follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals (all subprogrammes)
62/131	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (subprogrammes 3, 5 and 6)

62/137	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (all subprogrammes)
62/189	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (all subprogrammes)
62/208	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1, 2, 3 and 8)

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

1998/7	Importance of population census activities for evaluation of progress in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (subprogrammes 5 and 6)
2005/31	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system (all subprogrammes)
2007/2	The role of the United Nations system in providing full and productive employment and decent work for all (all subprogrammes)
2007/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (all subprogrammes)

Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

2002	The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development (all subprogrammes)
2003	Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development (all subprogrammes)
2004	Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (all subprogrammes)

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

General Assembly resolutions

45/264	Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
48/162	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
48/209	Operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system
52/12 B	Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform
57/295	Information and communication technologies for development
58/126	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
60/124	Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
60/180	The Peacebuilding Commission
60/252	World Summit on the Information Society
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

1986/72	Protection against products harmful to health and the environment
1996/31	Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations
1999/5	Poverty eradication and capacity-building
1999/6	Progress on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192
1999/51	Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions
2000/19	Funding operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2001/27	Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B: improving the working methods of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council
2001/210	Establishment of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force
2002/225	Establishment of the general voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network

2005/221	Theme for the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2006 of the Economic and Social Council and multi-year work programme for the coordination segment
2006/14	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2007/13	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
2007/15	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1995/1	Coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
1997/1	Fostering an enabling environment for development: financial flows, including capital flows, investment and trade
2000/2	Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields
2001/1	Role of the United Nations in promoting development, particularly with respect to access to and transfer of knowledge and technology, especially information and communication technologies, inter alia, through partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector
2002/1	Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (all subprogrammes)

Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

1998	Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization
1999	The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women
2000	Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy
2001	The role of the United Nations system in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

General Assembly resolutions

34/180	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
54/4	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
54/134	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
59/164	Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system
59/167	Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"
61/144	Trafficking in women and girls
62/132	Violence against women migrant workers
62/133	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
62/136	Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas
62/137	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
62/206	Women in development

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

76 (V)	Communications concerning the status of women
304 (XI)	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (fourth session)
1992/19	Communications on the status of women
1996/6	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
1998/26	Advancement of women: implementation of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development
1999/257	Enabling the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to carry out its mandate
2005/43	Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

2005/232	Declaration of the Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women
2006/9	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women
2007/33	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1997/2	Mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Security Council resolutions

1325 (2000)	Women, peace and security

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

General Assembly resolutions

S-24/2	Further initiatives for social development
47/90	The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends
47/196	Observance of an international day for the eradication of poverty
50/81	World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond
50/107	Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and proclamation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty
50/144	Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond
50/161	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development
57/165	Promoting youth employment
59/174	Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
60/209	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
61/214	Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty
61/295	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

62/126	Policies and programmes involving youth: youth in the global economy — promoting youth participation in social and economic development
62/127	Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities
62/128	Cooperatives in social development
62/129	Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond
62/130	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
62/131	Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
62/170	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1996/7	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the future role of the Commission for Social Development
2000/22	Establishment of a Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2001/7	Proposals for a multi-year programme of work of the Commission for Social Development for 2002-2006
2001/42	Global campaign for poverty eradication
2005/9	Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
2005/11	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1996/1	Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

General Assembly resolutions

S-19/2	Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21
S-22/2	Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

57/262	Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
58/217	International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015
59/228	Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources
59/229	Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
62/189	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
62/191	Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
62/197	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

General Assembly resolutions

57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (paragraphs 31 and 50)

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

1564 (L)	Principles and recommendations for a vital statistics system
1566 (L)	Coordination of work in the field of statistics
1989/3	International economic classifications
1993/5	1993 System of National Accounts
1995/61	The need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States
2000/27	Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels

2003/294	Recommendations made by the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
2004/304	Recommendations made by the Sixteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
2005/13	2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme
2005/231	Recommendations contained in the excerpt from the report of the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas
2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity

Subprogramme 6
Population

General Assembly resolutions

49/128	Report of the International Conference on Population and Development
S-21/2	Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
57/299	Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS
61/208	International migration and development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1994/2	Work programme in the field of population
1995/55	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
1997/2	International migration and development
1997/42	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development
1999/10	Population growth, structure and distribution

Commission on Population and Development resolutions

1997/2	Reporting requirements to the Commission on Population and Development
1997/3	Work programme in the field of population
1998/1	Health and mortality
2000/1	Population, gender and development
2001/1	Population, environment and development

2003/1	Population, education and development
2004/1	Work programme in the field of population
2004/2	Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2005/1	Population, development and HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on poverty
2005/2	Contribution of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in all its aspects, to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration
2006/1	Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
2006/2	International migration and development
2007/1	Changing age structures of populations and their implications for development

Subprogramme 7
Development policy and analysis

General Assembly resolutions

59/209	Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries
61/210	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
62/183	Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1990/52	Role of the United Nations in the early identification, analysis and forecasting of world economic developments
2007/34	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session

Subprogramme 8
Public administration and development management

General Assembly resolutions

50/225	Public administration and development
52/87	International cooperation against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions
55/61	An effective international legal instrument against corruption

58/13	Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies
60/34	Public administration and development
62/207	Human resources development

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2000/231	Recommendations made by the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting
2001/45	Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance
2005/3	Public administration and development
2007/38	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee

Subprogramme 9
Sustainable forest management

General Assembly resolutions

57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
61/193	International Year of Forests, 2011
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2000/35	Report on the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests
2006/49	Outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Subprogramme 10
Financing for development

General Assembly resolutions

56/210 B	International Conference on Financing for Development
57/273	Ensuring effective secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

62/185	International financial system and development
62/186	External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries
62/187	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2007/30	Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development
2007/39	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters